

*"A successful school of agriculture
can be founded at John de la Howe.*

*With some changes and
modifications, it could be put into
initial operation within existing
resources...this would be a unique
school in that the instructional
program would be geared to support
the agricultural mission."*

—2017 FEASIBILITY STUDY

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DE LA HOWE
SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE

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McCormick, South Carolina



*John de la Howe is listed on the
National Register of Historic Places and
South Carolina Heritage Corridor.*

ESTABLISHED IN 1797
A STATE AGENCY SINCE 1918

OUR HISTORY

John de la Howe School is the oldest educational institution in South Carolina for children under college age. The school was established in 1797 through the will of Dr. John de la Howe, a French physician who served in the Seven Years' War and immigrated to South Carolina in the 1760s.

Dr. de la Howe's will provided the establishment of an "agricultural seminary" for 12 poor boys and 12 poor girls — with the provision that they study the basic courses, agriculture, and related subjects so that they could prosper for a lifetime.

John de la Howe School became an agency of the State of South Carolina in 1918. For many years, it was known as the "state's orphanage." This mission continued Dr. de la Howe's desire for children in need to have a home and receive an education in an agricultural setting. In the 1980s, the mission changed and offered a haven for children to grow, heal, and make lasting changes.

Guided by a 2017 Feasibility Study, the school's leaders have developed a residential School for Agriculture that serves high school students interested in agricultural and mechanical studies. The conversion is underway with an opening date of August 2020.

*A Bold New
Residential High School
for Agriculture
in South Carolina*

VISION

To offer a rigorous agricultural education program that will challenge motivated high school students to develop their interest in agriculture and natural resources by providing classes and hands-on learning opportunities in agribusiness.



OUR CAMPUS

Located in McCormick, SC, the John de la Howe School sits on 1,310 acres of forest and farmland. The campus is a working farm that supports the future agricultural mission of the Agency.

The farm is composed of a herd of registered Polled Herefords, a cow and calf operation, Yorkshire hogs, goats, horses, pastures, and managed forestry plots, as well as natural areas, wilderness areas with wildlife, pecan groves, crops, and a greenhouse operation.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

The School for Agriculture provides a challenging academic program that enhances students' knowledge and experience in the field of agriculture and meets the requirements for a high school diploma in South Carolina. Our program will offer three of the five majors in the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources cluster. Students will have the opportunity to choose from the following majors:

- Environmental & Natural Resources Management
- Horticulture
- Plant and Animal Systems

Our school, the first statewide program of its kind in the nation, will allow students to receive hands-on training in the fields of agriculture, agribusiness, forestry, land management, food science, and more — all aimed at assessing the needs of modern farms.